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## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Plague situation at Kobé, Osaka, and Shimonoseki improved.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 27, as follows:

During the week ended January 20, 1906, bills of health were issued, after inspection, to 5 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 419 crew and 507 passengers; 386 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected; 941 aliens, would-be steerage passengers to the United States and its possessions, were examined with special reference to their freedom from any loathsome or dangerous contagious disease contemplated by the United States immigration laws.

*Plague.*—Occasional cases of this disease are reported from Kobé, Osaka, and Shimonoseki, but the general situation seems distinctly improved as compared with the preceding month. Certain authorities are of the opinion that the lessened human morbidity is due to the influence of the cold weather, which tends to keep the rats under ground.

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Minnesota* recommended, January 2, 1906, for rejection: For Seattle, 74.

Per steamship *Mongolia*, January 10, 1906: For Honolulu, 76; for San Francisco, 16.

Per steamship *China*, January 16, 1906: For Honolulu, 23; for San Francisco, 3.

Per steamship *Nippon Maru*, January 23, 1906: For Honolulu, 46; for San Francisco, 2.

Per steamship *Shimano Maru*, January 23, 1906: For Seattle, 54.

*Report from Kobé—Recurrence of plague.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler reports, January 18, as follows:

After a cessation of plague in Kobé for thirteen days, viz, from January 1 to January 15, 1906, a case occurred on January 15. A man was found dead in Hiogo, and on an autopsy being made the cause of death was declared to be plague.

## MEXICO.

*Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, February 12, as follows:

Week ended February 10, 1906.

February 4, 1906. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Norheim*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur, with 19 in the crew and 3 first-class passengers; vessel sails in ballast. The Norwegian steamship *City of Tampico*, bound for New Orleans, via Mexican ports, with 23 first-class and 3 third-class passengers and 22 in the crew; vessel sails in a general American cargo, part of which was a reshipment from the *Norheim* arriving from Port Arthur and Galveston.

February 6, 1906. Inspected and passed the Austrian steamship *Kostrena*, bound, in ballast, for a port north of Hatteras via Cienfuegos, with 24 in the crew. Inspected and passed the Holland steamship *Sliedrecht*, bound for Pensacola, with 28 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast.

February 8, 1906. Inspected and passed the British steamship *Bar-rister*, bound for New Orleans, with 39 in the crew; vessel sails in a partial cargo of cotton seed oil cake. Inspected and passed the American steamship *Santiago*, bound for New York via Morro Castle (for orders), with 50 in the crew, 2 first-class and 2 third-class passengers; vessel sails in a small general cargo.

February 9, 1906. Inspected and passed the British steamship *Man-tinea*, bound for a port north of Hatteras, via Progreso, with 23 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. Inspected and passed the German steamship *Altenburg*, bound for a port in the United States via Mexican ports, with 40 in the crew and 10 first-class and 1 third-class passengers; vessel sails in a general European cargo. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Nor*, bound for Galveston via Port Arthur, Tex., with 18 in the crew and 5 first-class passengers; vessel sails in ballast. A bill was issued the British steamship *Floridian*, but, sailing to-morrow, will be included in next week's report.

#### NORWAY.

##### *Quarantine proclamation.*

The following is received from Consul-General Bordewich, at Christiania, under date of January 31.

*Proclamation from the royal department of justice and police.*—A proclamation was made by the Norwegian Government on the 27th instant, as follows:

It is hereby ordered, in compliance with section 2 in law of July 12, 1848, relating to quarantine, that the cities of Kobe, Osaka, Hiogo, and Shimonoseki in Japan shall until further notice be considered infected with oriental plague, and the regulations laid down in said law and in circular of October 13, 1900, regarding plague, etc., are to take effect at once.

According to prior proclamations, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Yokohama in Japan, Manila, Formosa, Siam and Tonkin, Egypt, Madagascar, Reunion Islands and Mauritius, the cities of Durban, Port Elizabeth and East London in South Africa, Callao, Lima and Paita in Peru, the ports in Brazil and Chile, also Brisbane and Maryborough in Queensland, shall until further notice be considered infected with the oriental plague.

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CHRISTIANIA, January 29, 1906.

#### PANAMA.

##### *Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, February 12, as follows:

During the week ended February 11, 1906, vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health as follows:

British steamship *Tropic*, for a port in the United States, via Cuban ports, February 5, with 30 crew and no passengers; holds and living compartments fumigated for Cuba by the isthmian quarantine service.